GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the garments, jute products, textile products exported to different countries during the last three years;

(b) whether there has been a sharp decline in the export of these products during the said period as compared to the last three years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the export ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (d) A statement is attached.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 321 for 25-02-2000

(a) The value of exports of garment and textiles, including jute during the last three years have been as follows:

Value in Million US Dollars

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Readymade Garments	4762.1	4910.7	5268.4
Textiles	5288.2	5629.3	5367.3
Jute	144.8	127.3	149.5
Total	10195.1	10667.3	10785.2

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise, in view of (b) above.

(d) Government have been taking several steps from time to time for increasing exports. Some of the important initiatives taken specifically in respect of the textile sector are as under:
1) The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme has been made operational with effect from 1-4-1999 to facilitate the modernisation and Upgradation of this sector.
2) The New Export Entitlement (Quota) Policy for the period 2000-2004 has been announced recently to provide stability and continuity and encourage competitiveness in textile exports.
3) Non-Quota Entitlement (NQE) System for encouraging non-quota exports to quota and non-quota countries has been retained to boost exports in apparel sector-value added segment of Indian textiles.
4) Threshold limit under the Zero Duty Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme has been reduced to Re. 1 crore in respec of certain prescribed textile machinery.
5) Exports of cotton yarn by Export Oriented Unit (EOU)/Export Promotion Zone (EPZ)/EPCG units has been liberalised.
6) Zero Duty import of certain categories of trimmings & embellishments has been allowed.